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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Gerhard GUMPOLTSBERGER  
Serial no. :  
For : MEHRSTUFENGETRIEBE  
Docket : ZAHFRI P596US

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 2-25, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

**REMARKS**

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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